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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/922,293
Filed: August 6, 2001
Title: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules
Associated with Transcription in Plants
Applicants: Timothy W. CONNER *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16517.254

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to Office Action mailed September 9, 2003; and
2. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16517.254:

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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the above fee (\$86), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16517.254. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David R. Marsh".

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2003, (hereinafter "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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